

Come Shine With Us!!

Manchester's Teacher Recruitment Season Has Begun.

UConn's NEAG Fair



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April 1st kicked off the start of our active recruitment season with the NEAG School of Education's Recruitment Fair in Storrs. While dozens of enthusiastic, newly-certified teachers were attracted to the MPS display, what kept them at the table were our comprehensive opportunities to grow and excel in Manchester. Word has spread about our PLC work, opportunities for creative practice and the influx of technology to support instruction. Candidates came to the booth with either first-hand knowledge through internships and student teaching of our forward-thinking culture, or they'd heard about what's happening in Manchester through classmates. When recruiters Vonetta Romeo-Rivers and Diane Sheehan-Burns asked the question, "Why Manchester?" here are a few of the responses from prospective candidates:

- a. "I'm drawn to the population - I thrive in diverse environments. The PLCs are a real draw and I've heard about TED Talks at the high school. I know there are standards, and that's one thing, but I can still get to be creative in the classroom."
- b. "I'm all about STEM and I hear you're really supporting STEM in Manchester. It's also close to home and I already work in Manchester with adults and I like the families."
- c. "Nobody else here has anything like the Creativity Grants."
- d. "You were the first table I came to - I have friends interning in Manchester and they've told me a lot about what's happening, so I wanted to see if you had openings."

April 22nd brought the recruitment team to Hunter College in NYC. Hunter College was ranked in the top 10 teacher preparation programs ***in the country*** for Secondary and Special Education by the National Council on Teacher Quality, and rated number 13 in the country for Elementary Education. We were the only district from Connecticut amongst a lot of charter school representatives and the curiosity factor drew dozens of graduating students to our booth. Armed with our phenomenal 2015 recruitment folder and the goods on how to get certified in the state of Connecticut, we think there may be a few U-Hauls on the road to Manchester in the next few months!

